January 28, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

mission. These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with sion as, together, we manage a safe, healthy and productive spring semester. If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this <a href="mailto:email address">email address</a>. Previous newsletters are available here.

Research and Scholarly/Creative

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## Spring 2022

- COVID-19 health and safety reminders
  - o N-95 masks delivery begins today Masks are being delivered today and early next

| masks should   |               |  |  |
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| for additional | instructions. |  |  |

Reminders: Last week, SMU announced two additional testing resources for employees, their spouses, and dependents who are seeking COVID-19 testing: New on-campus option: MyLabsDirect is providing on-site PCR testing for COVID-19 at no cost for SMU employees, spouses, and their dependents from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday at a drive-up parking site at Expressway Tower, 6116 North Central Expressway. They also offer drive-up testing at several sites in the DFW area with no appointment required. More details are available by visiting <a href="mailto:smu.edu/employeecovidtest">smu.edu/employeecovidtest</a>

At-home tests benefits provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), is providing coverage for at-home COVID-19 tests.

Visit smu.edu/employeecovidtest

an increase in talent and diversity as well. For fall 2021, 33% of our first-year students and 44% of our transfers come from traditionally underrepresented populations. 11% of our first-

appropriation process or by legislative requests.

The template is for faculty use to submit proposals for earmarks or changes in research focus of a federal R&D agency. To be included for consideration in the FY 2023 budget development cycle, your proposals must be submitted to Jim Quick at (<u>jquick@smu.edu</u>) no later than February 14, 2022. Please follow the template closely in developing your proposal. We look forward to reviewing your ideas in collaboration with our Clark-Hill representatives.

Key leadership searches underway

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